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WEATHER General rainfall occurred over the southeastern third of Nebraska last week, with little or no precipitation falling elsewhere in the State. The rains fell on the 5th and 6th and again on the 8th and 9th, leaving weekly totals between 1 and 1 1/2 inches in portions of the East Central and Southeast.

Temperatures across Nebraska last week averaged from a few degrees subnormal in the northwest to 1 to 3 degrees above normal in the eastern third.

A major winter storm moved into the Central Plains during the weekend of the 12th, bringing rain and snow to western Nebraska on the 11th and rain to east and central Nebraska and snow to the west on the 12th. By the forenoon of the 13th, snow had spread over all of the State, with 4 to 8 inches of new snow reported across the western half of Nebraska. Ogallala, in southwestern Nebraska, measured 9 inches of fresh snow on the ground with drifts 3 to 4 feet high early Monday morning. As of noon Monday, the storm was severely impeding travel and outdoor activities over the western two-thirds of Nebraska.

CROPS Slow progress was made last week in the harvesting of fall crops. Most areas were able to harvest only one or two days during the week with most grain requiring drying. Rains were intermittent during the week with a general storm arriving November 11. Fields were wet and muddy necessitating harvesting equipment to pull out of fields to unload.

Corn harvest was very slow last week and advanced 2 points to 40% completed. Last year 88% was harvested and normal is 68%. The crop is still in good condition statewide, but a few eastern counties are reporting mold condition starting in unharvested corn. The moisture of harvested grain last week averaged 23%, 1 point higher than the previous week.

Sorghum harvest is 63% complete compared with last year's 96% and normal of 78%. Rain in the east accompanied by high winds caused some fields to start lodging. The moisture content of grain last week was 15%, also 1 point higher than the previous week.

Soybeans are 85% harvested compared with 96% last year and 93% normal. Sugar beet harvest was virtually completed with unharvested fields now snow covered.

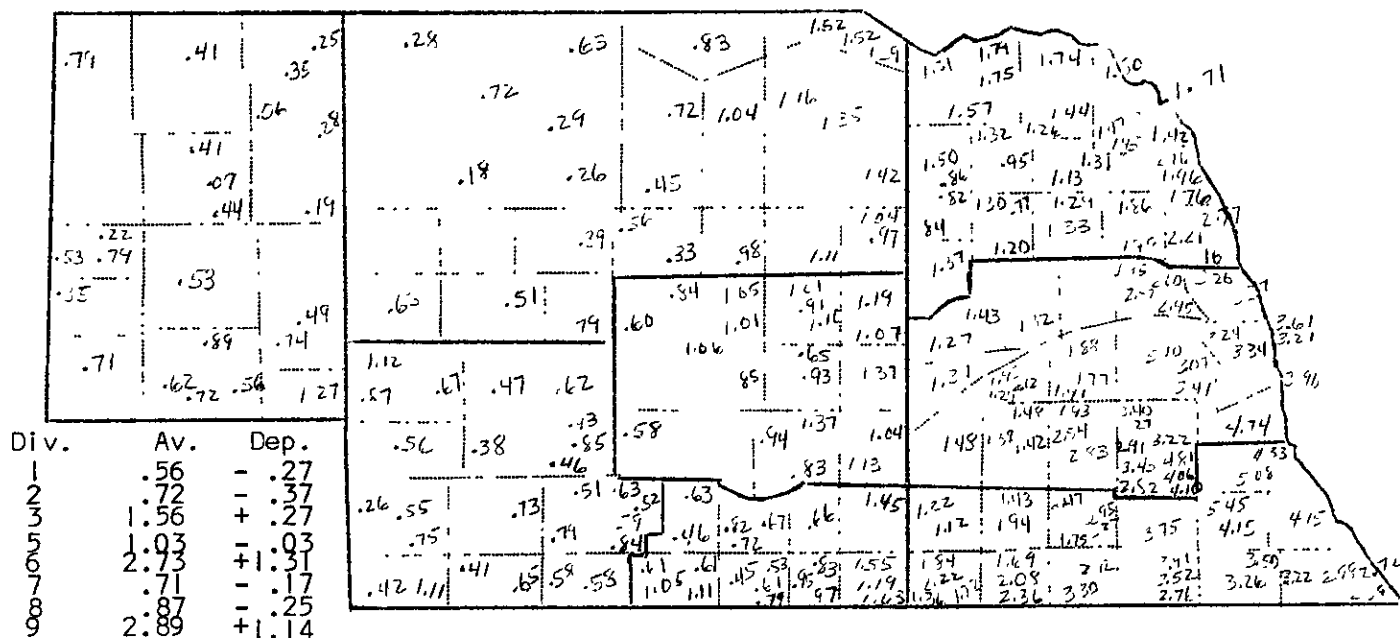
Winter wheat is in good condition with the recent rains and snow adding to soil moisture supplies. Most areas of the State report adequate to surplus surface and subsoil moisture. Local areas of the Panhandle have sprayed for greenbug control in the wheat.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good condition. As corn fields are harvested and fences built, cattle are starting to graze stalk fields. Feedlots are extremely muddy.

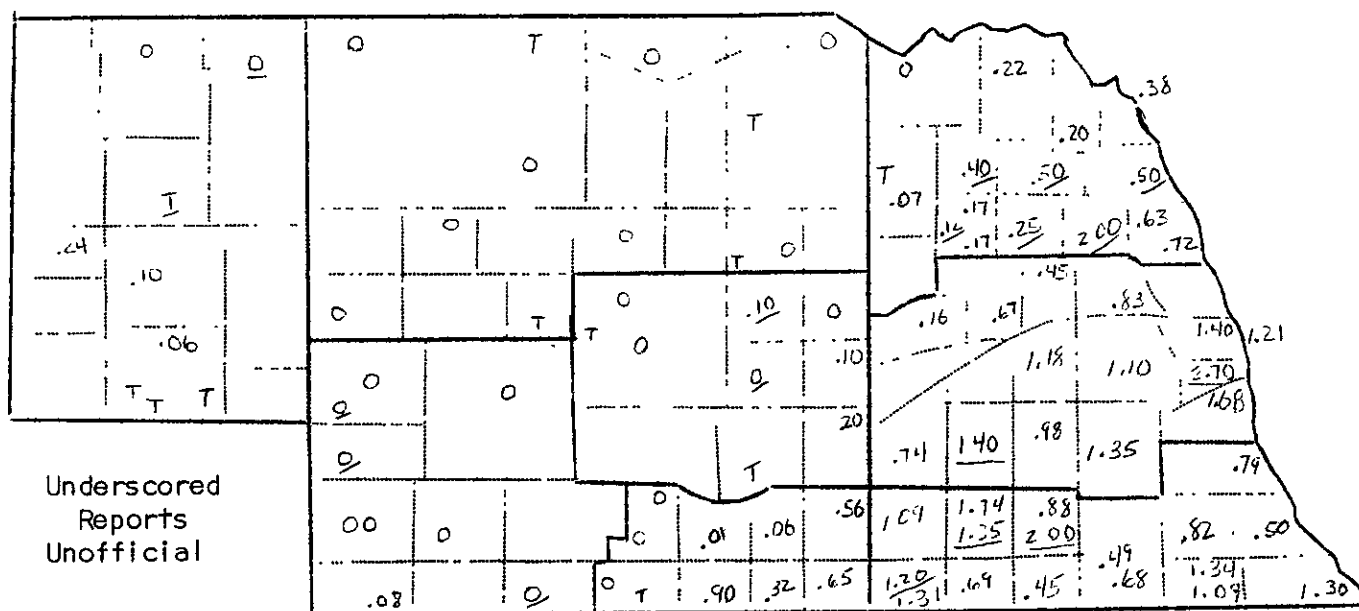
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 11/12/72

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.94	Burwell	.60	Chadron	1.31
Lincoln	2.08	North Platte	.52	Imperial	--
Norfolk	.23	Valentine	.32	Scottsbluff	.95
Omaha	1.57			Sidney	.44
Sioux City	.39				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1972



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 10, 1972



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		November 6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	54	23	59	28	62	34	51	21	55	20	30	24	24	21
	Scottsbluff	51	27	53	30	61	40	51	23	56	28	41	25	29	21
	Sidney	45	25	52	29	59	36	47	25	50	27	33	24	26	19
NC	Burwell	42	22	60	31	58	32	38	26	58	29	46	36	42	--
	Valentine	42	19	43	27	56	29	47	20	54	27	32	29	33	24
NE	Norfolk	53	37	53	31	61	40	47	36	44	27	46	39	41	37
	Sioux City	47	37	50	30	59	42	48	40	42	31	43	38	44	35
CEN	Grand Island	55	30	59	34	57	39	41	35	50	30	51	40	43	34
EC	Lincoln	56	40	57	30	61	41	44	40	45	30	54	40	44	36
	Omaha	57	37	52	33	55	42	48	38	43	31	48	38	44	37
SW	Imperial	46	--	57	29	60	35	50	26	59	29	49	34	39	30
	North Platte	47	21	60	27	57	31	49	21	56	23	50	39	42	29